

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for the manufacturing of a masking member made of a thermoplastic resin, comprising [[:]] : ~~the preparation of~~ preparing a mold using the CAD data relating to of the design of the part which is subject to an article having a prescribed section to be protected from coating, making a mold referring said CAD data, said mold being used for vacuum and/or pressure forming to manufacture a masking member which covers said section to protect from the coating, and the preparation of a thermoplastic resin mold with which to form a specific vacuum and/or pressure forming a thermoplastic resin sheet to manufacture said masking member to protect said area by using said mold.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method for the manufacturing of the thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 1, wherein said ~~masking member is manufactured by vacuum and/or pressure forming a thermoplastic resin sheet~~ article is a bumper of a car and said section is an air intake of said bumper.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 1, wherein said masking member is trimmed by a robot operated using the trimming position data obtained from said CAD data after the molding of said masking member.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 3, wherein said masking member is fixed to, and trimmed on a jig having a surface shape corresponding to that of said masking member.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 4, wherein said masking member is fixed to said jig by vacuum suction.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 4, wherein said masking member is fixed to said jig magnetically.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 4, wherein said masking member is fixed to said jig with adhesive tape.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 1, wherein said masking member is trimmed with an ultrasonic vibration knife.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 1, wherein said masking member is trimmed with a water jet cutter.